



Upcoming Events:

- 11/1: VFW of the Midlands 10:00am
- 11/4: Lexington Co Development 12:00pm
- 11/11: Applegreens 10:00am
- 11/13: MGA Championship 9:00am t-times
- 11/14: MGA Championship 11:00am t-times
- 11/14: Couples Tournament 10:00am
- 11/18: Liam's 1 Up 12:00pm
- 11/21: Turkey Bowl 12:30pm
- 11/22: Jesse Eudy Memorial 10:00am

Weekly Member Play:

- Ladies Day: Tues @ 9am & Thurs @ 10am
- SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am
- Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00;
- Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

• Couples Tournament

Grab your partner and get ready for the last Couples Tournament of 2021 on November 14. Play will begin at 10:00am and a luncheon will follow play. Don't miss this chance to spend a little quality time together on the links.

• Hole In One

Congratulations to Scott Zhang for his hole in one on hole # 17 on October 19 from 98 yds using a 9 iron.

• Turkey Bowl

Our annual Turkey Bowl will be held on November 21. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for one of our most fun events of the year. Read News from the Golf Shop for details.

• Get in the Game

If you are new to golf or find yourself frustrated with your game, a quick lesson or tip from one of our pro's may be all that you need. Get in the Game by contacting Steve or Jake in the Golf Shop.

• Holiday Celebration

Are you ready to celebrate this holiday season? If so, the clubhouse is the perfect venue. Dates are filling up fast so contact Laurice at 957-3355 to save your date.

• Tennis Lessons

Kyle & Sean Koch offer tennis lessons for all ages & ability levels. Whether you're looking to pick up the game or improve it, they can assist. Contact Kyle at (803) 348-1595 & Sean at (803) 719-1104 or snkoch5@gmail.com

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News from the Golf Shop

We hope you and your family were able to take advantage of all the great weather we had in the month of October. If not, try to find some time to fit golf in your schedule during November. November is the month where your golf course starts to show off its beauty with the changing of the colors. It is truly spectacular! Carve out time in your schedule this month to have some fun, relax and enjoy the beauty that is Golden Hills.

In addition to the great weather, we saw some awesome golf as well last month. The Men's Golf Association held its annual No Alibi Tournament on Saturday the 16th. This is a unique tournament format where instead of playing your round and subtracting your handicap from your score, you are given mulligans equal to your handicap. The old expression the early bird gets the worm was never truer in a golf tournament than this one. Mike Ruddy and Dale Welch teed off in the first group of the day and fired even par rounds of 71. They were only bested by one golfer, their buddy Dale Welch, who teed off in the second group of the day and shot a 1 under round of 70 to capture the victory. Congratulations Dale! The MGA will play their 2021 Championship this month on the 13th & 14th. Tee times will begin at 9:00 on Saturday and 11:00 on Sunday. Tee time requests for Saturday's round may be made but not for the pairings. The registration deadline is Thursday, November 11th at 6pm.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association held their Championship in October on the 12th and 19th. Several golfers got off to hot starts in round 1, but it was Randy Book who led the way with a blazing round of 62. The second round was played on the 19th and it was Rick Green coming from 7 shots back to take home his second Senior Men's Golf Association Championship. Congratulations Rick! Beginning on November 2nd the SMGA will move their start time to 10:00 on Tuesday mornings. If you would like to come and join the guys for some fun, fellowship and golf, please call the Golf Shop at 957-3355 by Monday at 3pm to sign up to play.

Once again this year we will host our annual Turkey Bowl and Bog on November 21. The format is Texas Scramble, 4 person team, 2 net best balls, using 50% of handicap. If you have never played in this event, be sure to mark the date on the calendar as this is one of our most fun events of the year. Play will begin at 12:30 with a shotgun start. An awards reception, with a delicious turkey bog being served, will follow play. If you would like play, simply call the Golf Shop to sign up. If you are a single, twosome or 3some the Golf Shop staff will be happy to assist you in finding players to complete your team.

Our Ladies Day's on Tuesdays and Thursdays continue to grow. In November the tee times will be changing to 9am on Tuesdays and 10am on Thursdays. Whether you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to come join in the fun. Simply call the Golf Shop by 3pm on the preceding day to sign up.

As some of you may have noticed, we have experienced a delay in getting our winter apparel delivered. We are doing everything we can to get your Golf Shop resupplied in time for all your Christmas needs. With Christmas right around the corner we will be well stocked to meet all those needs. For the golfer in your family, make sure you leave some space for their Golden Hills apparel.

In the upcoming late fall and winter months you will begin to notice your golf course changing conditions. With the cooler temperatures, we will experience frost delays, slower grass growth and even drainage issues from lack of warmth. Please help us keep your golf course in great shape by obeying all cart rules, filling your divots with sand and repairing your ball marks. The golf course is in fantastic shape and we will always do everything we can to keep it that way. Thanks for your help this winter!

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick, Jake Yarborough, Owen Van Gundy

The golf course will provide us with the perfect backdrop to enjoy the beautiful fall scenery throughout the month of November. With this in mind, we hope you will join us at every opportunity for an 18 or 9 hole round on the links! Ladies Days at the club are held each Tuesday at 9:00am and Thursday at 10am. If you would like to play, call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 by 3pm on the preceding day. Come out and join us, you'll be glad you did!

The LGA 2021 Fall Trip was a huge success! Eleven members spent the weekend in the mountains golfing, playing cards, enjoying great food and just having a great time together. We'll be scheduling our 2022 LGA Spring Trip soon and it will fill up fast so get in on the action now!

We had a great turnout for our Texas Scramble Couples Tournament last month. Finishing in 1st place were Dawn & Neal Clark, followed by Karen & Mark Lipinski at 2nd & Angeles & Jeff Doto at 3rd. Our last Couples Tournament for 2021 will be held on November 14th with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. Karen & Mark Lipinski will be hosting the luncheon after golf. The cost for LGA members is \$20 per couple (plus green fees).

The LGA Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 4th. Information regarding the event will be sent to LGA members.

Our last Ladies Handicap Match League tournament was rescheduled (due to weather) for December 2nd at Timberlake. An awards ceremony & luncheon will be held after the tournament. Let's hope we can bring the trophy/plaque back to Golden Hills for the 3rd year in a row!

If you would like to learn more about the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or email her at: snauzers@yahoo.com

Men's Golf Association

Mark your calendars for the 2021 MGA Championship scheduled for November 13 & 14. The format will be individual stroke play, 100% handicap, with Gross and Net winners along with Closest to the Pin prizes. Every MGA Member is encouraged to play. Those who have not played in 2 MGA Tournaments in the 2021 calendar year will be assessed an additional \$5 per un-played Tournament added to the \$40 entry fee (ex: did not play in any 2021 MGA Tournament an additional \$10 to be added to the entry fee. Only played in 1 MGA Tournament will cost an additional \$5). New MGA Members and Current Members who have not paid their 2021 MGA Dues (\$25) will also be added to your Entry Fee. Lunch will be provided after Sunday's round. Tee times begin at 9am on Saturday and 11am on Sunday. Register and tee it up with us on the 13th & 14th.

Senior Men's Golf Association

Cooling temperatures are finally beginning to settle in and we are looking forward to a great Fall golf season. If you are new to the club or just looking for more playing opportunities, we welcome your participation. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, can join us each Tuesday for a little friendly competition. The format changes each week and is fun for all skill levels. Please note that our start time will move back to 10:00am beginning on November 2. To be included on the roster, simply call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding Monday at (803) 957-3355

The SMGA Championship was held last month on October 12 & 19 and it turned out to be a great competition. We would like to thank everyone for their participation. Capturing the Championship title was Rick Green with a net two round total of 132. Other top finishers were: 2nd - Jim Anderson (134); 3rd - Don Elliott (135); 4th - Randy Book (137); 5th (tie) Ray Chiellini & Scott Zhang (138); 7th (tie) Robert Davis & Mike Ruddy (142); 9th (tie) Bill Lorenzen & Nick Rinaldi (143). Congratulations gentlemen and thanks to everyone for your participation.

Closest To The Pin	
10/12/21	10/19/21
Hole 3: R. Davis 27"	Hole 3: R. Davis 13' 9"
Hole 7: F. Gebhardt 5' 7"	Hole 7: J. Anderson 9'
Hole 13: J. Pappas 22' 4"	Hole 13: J. Anderson 20' 4"
Hole 15: N. Rinaldi 11' 10"	Hole 15: R. Green 12'
Hole 17: F. Kakascik 4' 11"	Hole 17: S. Zhang – Hole in One

Results from other SMGA events are as follows:

Oct 5: 1st - Hardy Youmans (+10); 2nd - Mark DiMaggio (+9); 3rd (tie) Robert Davis & Mike Kammer (+6); 5th (tie) Jim Anderson, Dick Howe, Frank Jansen, Dan Sass, Dick Woodward (+5)

Oct 26: 1st - Frank Kakascik (+10); 2nd - Bill Lorenzen (+7); 3rd - Butch Hale (+6); 4th (tie) Rick Green, Bruce Liles (+5); 6th - Don Elliott (+4); 7th (tie) Jim Anderson, Jeff Gibson, Justin Eshelman (+2)

If you would like to receive emails from the SMGA about events and results, send your address to Ray Chiellini. He can be reached by calling (803) 518-4215 or email him at: dober2plus1@gmail.com

Golf Tips That Actually Help:

Tip #1: Play the right equipment: If you are playing with unforgiving clubs & shoot in the 90's, you are only hurting yourself. Get fitted with the clubs that match your ability. **Tip #2: Focus on the Fundamentals:** So much happens at setup before you ever hit the ball. Double check these checkpoints before hitting the ball: Proper Stance - Make sure your feet are shoulder width apart with your knees bent in an athletic position. For longer clubs, widen your stance to compensate for the longer golf club. Good Posture - Try to have your back flat, tilt your hips, bend your knees & keep your head slightly back at address. Find The Right Grip For You - Make sure your grip matches your swing. If you're new to golf, start with a neutral grip. As your swing develops & you start to notice tendencies, you can start to weaken or strengthen your grip as needed. **Tip #3: Double Check your Alignment:** Aim square to the target. If you are aimed right, your body will realize it & make an effort to pull it back left. If you're aimed left, your mind will make adjustments to get it back to the intended target. **Tip #4: Master your Tempo:** Have a 3:1 tempo. Meaning, make your backswing 3 times as long

as your downswing. **Tip #5: Don't Let Anger Get in the Way:** If you want to become a good golfer you have to understand that bad shots are part of the game. Let go of the tension. Always remember to have fun. **Tip #6: Practice your Short Game:** One of the easiest things you can do to improve your scores is to practice the shots around the green. Spend time chipping and putting around the green. **Tip #7: Tee it Forward:** If you are a beginner don't make the course harder by trying to play from the wrong tees. As you evolve, start playing different tees that match your game & keeps the pace of play going. **Tip #8: Get Lessons Early:** Don't start or let bad habits ruin your game. A Pro can help you get your feet, hips and shoulders square to the target. From there, they can help with your takeaway, transition and downswing. Plus they can help with your chipping & pitching skills. **Tip #9: Create a Pre-Shot Routine:** A pre-shot routine will help you stay focused and consistent. Your routine will help you pick the right club, choose a target, get square to the target & have your mind in the right place. Practice it on the range first for a more effective practice session & it will feel effortless on the course.